

REMARKS

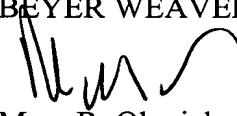
Claims 39, 42, 44, and 56-58 have been amended and claims 41, 44, and 55 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-40, 42-43, 45-54, and 56-58 remain pending.

The Examiner has objected to disclosure because of an informality. Specifically, page 1, line 10 requires an application number. The application number has been provided in the amendment submitted herein.

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-38 and 43 and objected to claims 40-42 and 54-58. The Examiner has stated that claims 40-42 and 54-58 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Although Applicants do not concede the rejections of the remaining claims, the allowable claims are pursued and the rejected claims are canceled herein in order to expedite prosecution. Independent claim 39 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 41. Likewise, allowable claim 42 has been amended into independent form to include all limitations of its previous base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 44 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 55.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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